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Women Welfare Centres.

*216 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Women Welfare Centres are now functioning in the State;

(*b*) what is the amount spent by the Government for maintaining them; and

(*c*) how many women are undergoing training, and in what arts, at Narayanamangala Centre in South Kanara district?

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—" (*a*) 178.

" (*b*) Rs. 40,496 for the financial year, 1951–52.

" (*c*) At Narayanamangala Centre 29 women are undergoing traning in—

Spinning,
Crochet lace making,
Tailoring and cutting,
Knitting, and
Embroidery."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL:—" May I know whether the Government have received any representation to shift the Narayanamangala Centre to any other centre in the firka area where there are sufficient number of women available to undergo training? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—" I do not remember to have received any."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM:—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that these Women Welfare Officers give lectures on family planning to illiterate women in villages? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—" I think the hon. Member is confusing Rural Welfare Officers with Women Welware Officers. The Assistant Woman Welfare Officer looks to the local needs of the particular slum or any other portion of the area where women live and she would like to help them as far as possible in their social outlook and in learning some crafts and some of the cottage industries."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM:—" I believe the Hon. the Minister has not answered my point. I want 'yes' or 'no' to my question. Are they giving lessons in family planning to the women of the respective areas? " 9-30 a.m.

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—" Yes, Sir, in some centres they are doing it. I have heard that in some centres they are doing so."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" The Hon. the Minister was saying that there are 178 centres in the State as a

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whole. May I know how many women centres are there in Malabar and how many women from the Harijan community have been trained?"

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—"In Malabar, there are 8 women welfare centres. I am afraid I cannot say how many women from the Harijan community have been trained. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY:—"As there is a great demand for women welfare centres in South Kanara district, will the Government open centres in Udipi and Coondapur?"

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—"The question will be considered."

MR. SPEAKER:—"Question time is over."

[Questions 217-220 postponed to 28th March.]

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"Sir, I beg to move—

'*That under rule 22 of the Madras Assembly Rules the Demands for Grants for further expenditure in the year 1952-53 be taken up in the following order, viz.:—*

II. State Excise Duties.

XI. District Administration and Miscellaneous.

XXIV. Labour including Factories.

and then the other Demands.'".

MR. SPEAKER:—"The question is—

'That under rule 22 of the Madras Assembly Rules the Demands for Grants for further expenditure in the year 1952–53 be taken up in the following order, viz.:—

II. State Excise Duties.

XI. District Administration and Miscellaneous.

XXIV. Labour including Factories.

and then the other Demands.'"

The motion was carried.

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1952-53.

(1) DEMAND II—STATE EXCISE DUTIES.

* THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move—

'*That the Government be granted for the year* 1952-53 *a further sum not exceeding* Rs. 2,29,700 *under Demand II—State Excise Duties.*'